

A7 housing 1b may be provided with the locking projection 2. Further, two or more detection arms may be provided to improve the strength of engagement.

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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please cancel claims 2 and 3 without prejudice or disclaimer.**

**The claims are amended as follows:**

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1. (Amended) A connector, comprising:

a first housing, provided with a projection;

a second housing, provided with a retainer which is operable to engage the projection of the first housing;

A8 an engagement detector, held in the second housing and slidable between a first position and a second position; and

a lock canceller, which is operable to disengage the retainer from the projection only when the engagement detector is placed at the first position,

wherein:

the retainer prevents the engagement detector from sliding from the first to the second position except when the projection and the retainer are completely engaged with each other at a complete engagement position;

the engagement detector locks the retainer at the complete engagement position when the engagement detector is placed at the second position; and

A8 the retainer is still locked at the complete engagement position by the engagement detector in a case where the lock canceller is manipulated when the engagement detector is placed at the second position.

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A9 6. (Amended) The connector as set forth in claim 1, wherein the second housing further comprises a stopper which limits the range of movement of the lock canceller.

7. (Amended) The connector as set forth in claim 1, wherein the lock canceller comprises a stopper which limits the range of movement of the lock canceller.

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